



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2148

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Shinichi KAWAMURA *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 2137
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Application No.: 09/377,064) Examiner: Matthew SMITHERS
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Filed: August 19, 1999) Confirmation No.: 7317
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For: ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION)
APPARATUS,)
ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION)
METHOD, AND PROGRAM)
STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended through December 28, 2004 through a Notice of Appeal and a petition for extension of three months filed on June 28, 2004 and by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.